

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2005.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard – Chair (District 9), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7),

ABSENT: Rob Stevenson - Vice Chair (District 8)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Becky Lalumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Gail Smith (Director of Administrative Services), Eleanor Bouy (Director of Planning, Zoning and Codes), Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel),

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(482) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Councilmember Randy Menard called the Joint Special Lafayette City-Parish Council/LPUA Meeting of April 19, 2005 to order.

A motion was offered by Conque, seconded by Benjamin, to appoint Councilmember Randy Menard as Chair of the Joint Special Lafayette City-Parish Council/LPUA Meeting.

Council Vote:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stevenson

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

LPUA Vote:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stevenson

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(517) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: R-037-2005 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council and the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Jerry Osborne, Bonding Attorney, explained that this resolution calls an election to be held in July to authorize the issuance of utilities revenue bonds for the fiber system. Every registered voter of the City of Lafayette can vote in this election. The election doesn't change the plan that was submitted to the Council in the Engineering Feasibility Reports. No other action by the Council will be required before July 16th.

Williams requested that Huval provide to the Council a copy of past correspondence giving clarification on what the voters will be voting on in the July election. Upon questioning by Williams, Huval explained that the PSC had not set up the rules and regulations that were associated with the bill that was passed by the Legislature. As soon as that happens, possibly in May, he will notify the Council. Huval added that people could contact him or President Durel relative to presentations on the election. The Public Relations plan is still in the making.

Information will be sent out so the voters can make an informed decision. Regarding a cost estimate for the PR for the election, Huval stated he would complete a review and come back to the Council. Williams requested that Huval use all vendors in Lafayette Parish.

The following individuals were recognized:

Andy Hebert stated that according the City-Parish Charter, Section 4-07(f), Utilities Department, “the Utility Department shall function in accordance with conditions included in current or future bond resolutions and covenants, except at the reference to “City” therein shall refer to the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority”. Hebert stated that only the LPUA should be calling this election even though 18,000 city voters do not have a voice. He urged the Council to table the resolution and amend it for a vote by the LPUA only.

Bourgeois took exception to Hebert’s statement. He stated that he is not on the LPUA; however, he votes, as a Councilmember, for the city voters at all Regular Council Meetings and Joint Special Meetings.

Kaliste Saloom, III, spoke in support of the Fiber to the Home initiative. He urged citizens to contact LUS directly at lus.org or his organization at lafayetteeyes.org for the proper information.

Council Vote:

A motion to adopt by Benjamin, seconded by Bourgeois, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stevenson

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

LPUA Vote:

A motion to adopt by Conque, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stevenson

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(163) There being no further business to come before the Joint Special Lafayette City-Parish Council/LPUA, Chair Menard declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS
FAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL